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SUBJECT: SPAGNOLLI ELECTED SENATE PRESIDENT

1. GIOVANNI SPAGNOLLI, DC SENATE FLOOR LEADER SINCE 1969, WAS ELECTED JUNE 27 TO SUCCEED NEW DC PARTY SECRETARY FANFANI AS PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE. IN ADDITION TO HIS OWN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, SPAGNOLLI HAD SUPPORT OF LIBERALS, SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, REPUBLICANS AND SOCIALISTS. COMMUNISTS AND MSI CAST BLANK BALLOTS.

2. SPAGNOLLI ELEVATION TO SENATE PRESIDENCY PUTS HIS FORMER POSITION AS DC FLOOR- LEADER IN PLAY AS POST TO BE FILLED IN GENERAL GOVERNMENT- PARTY RESHUFFLE CONSEQUENT TO DC CONGRESS AND DECISION TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT.

3. SPAGNOLLI, NOW 65, HAS BEEN A DC SENATOR SINCE 1953 AND HAS SERVED AS MINISTER OF MERCHANT MARINE AND OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPH. A MODERATE, SPAGNOLLI IS A MEMBER OF THE PICCOLI-RUNOR- TAVIANI FACTION, THE DC' S LARGEST. HE IS A FIRM FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES. UNDER THE ITALIAN CONSTITUTION, AS SENATE PRESIDENT SPAGNOLLI BECOMES FIRST IN LINE OF SUCCESSION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. VOLPE

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